

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the received signal quality criterion comprises at least one of:
 - a received signal quality measurement that meets a signal quality threshold; and
 - a best received signal quality measurement of a plurality of signal quality measurements.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 311, wherein a delay code comprises one or more code elements that specify time delays to be inserted between any one of:
 - two time-hopping code periods;
 - two delay code periods, and
 - two nested delay code periods.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
 - measuring received signal quality for a plurality of pulse trains based on at least one inserted time delay;
 - selecting a received signal quality measurement that satisfies a received signal quality criterion; and
 - delaying a pulse train by an amount of time equal to a sum of any inserted time delays that satisfy the received signal quality criterion.
8. (Previously amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the received signal quality measurement comprises a function of at least one of a:
 - signal strength,
 - bit-error-rate,

signal-to-noise ratio; and
spectral property of the received signal.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein at least one time delay is inserted when a selected received signal quality measurement falls below a threshold.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein at least one time delay is periodically inserted between two adjacent pulse trains to satisfy the received signal quality criterion.

11. (Previously amended) A method for transmitting and receiving a pulse train signal, comprising:

generating a plurality of pulse trains, wherein each pulse train comprises at least one pulse having at least one predefined pulse characteristic; and

inserting a time delay between two pulse trains of said plurality of pulse trains, wherein the time delay results in at least one of:

an averaging of the number of cross-correlation coincidences between the pulses of the plurality of pulse trains and pulses of another plurality of pulse trains at a receiver; and

a received signal quality measurement satisfying a received signal quality criterion, wherein the time delay is specified by at least one code element of at least one delay code, wherein the at least one delay code is generated using at least one of:

a designed code generation technique, and
a pseudorandom code generation technique.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said designed code generation technique comprises at least one of:

- a Welch-Costas code generation technique;
- a Golomb-Costas code generation technique;
- a Quadratic Congruential code generation technique;
- a Linear Congruential code generation technique; and
- a Hyperbolic Congruential code generation technique.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said pseudorandom code generation technique comprises at least one of:

- a linear congruential pseudorandom number generator technique;
- an additive lagged-Fibonacci pseudorandom number generator technique;
- a linear feedback shift register pseudorandom number generator technique;
- a lagged-Fibonacci shift register pseudorandom number generator technique;

a chaotic code pseudorandom number generator technique; and

an optimal Golomb ruler code pseudorandom number generator technique.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein at least one of a delay code length, a delay code period, and a sum of the time delays specified by code elements of a delay code of a plurality of delay codes is a constant value.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein a sum of the time delays specified by code elements of any delay code of a plurality of delay codes is not equal to a sum of delays specified by code elements of any other delay code of the plurality of delay codes.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein a sum of the time delays specified by code elements of a delay code of a plurality of delay codes is greater than a code period of a time hopping code.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3-~~or~~ 11, wherein the at least one code element of the at least one delay code comprises at least one of:

- a time delay value;
- a symbol that maps to a time delay value; and
- a symbol that maps to a memory location.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~18~~²⁹, wherein the received signal quality criterion comprises at least one of:

- a signal quality measurement that meets a signal quality threshold ; and

a best signal quality measurement of a plurality of signal quality measurements.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2329, wherein ~~the time-varying code comprises a delay code having comprises~~ one or more code elements that specify time delays to be inserted between any one of:

- two time-varying code periods;
- two delay code periods, and
- two nested delay code periods.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~18 or 2329~~, further comprising:
measuring received signal quality for a plurality of time-varied signals based on ~~the a plurality of~~ time delays specified by said at least one delay code;
selecting a received signal quality measurement that satisfies a received signal quality criterion; and
delaying a time-varied signal by an amount of time equal to the sum of ~~the any~~ time delays that satisfies the received signal quality criterion.

26. (Previously amended) The method of claim 25 wherein the received signal quality measurement comprises a function of at least one of a:

- signal strength,
- bit-error-rate,
- signal-to-noise ratio; and
- spectral property of the received signal.

27. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein at least one time delay is inserted when a selected received signal quality measurement falls below a threshold.

28. (Previously amended) The method of claim 25, wherein at least one time delay is periodically inserted between two adjacent time-varied signals to satisfy the received signal quality criterion.

29. (Previously amended) A method for transmitting and receiving a plurality of time-varied signals, comprising:

generating a plurality of time-varied signals, and

inserting a time delay between two time-varied signals of said plurality of time-varied signals, wherein the time delay results in at least one of:

an averaging of the number of cross-correlation coincidences between time-varied signals of said plurality of time-varied signals and time-varied signals of another plurality of time-varied signals at a receiver; and

a received signal quality measurement satisfying a received signal quality criterion, wherein the time delay is specified by at least one code element of at least one delay code, wherein a delay code is generated using at least one of:

a designed code generation technique, and

a pseudorandom code generation technique.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said designed code generation technique comprises at least one of:

a Welch-Costas code generation technique;

a Golomb-Costas code generation technique;

a Quadratic Congruential code generation technique;

a Linear Congruential code generation technique; and

a Hyperbolic Congruential code generation technique.

31. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said pseudorandom code generation technique comprises at least one of:

a linear congruential pseudorandom number generator technique.

an additive lagged-Fibonacci pseudorandom number generator technique;

a linear feedback shift register pseudorandom number generator technique;

a lagged-Fibonacci shift register pseudorandom number generator technique;
a chaotic code pseudorandom number generator technique; and
an optimal Golomb ruler code pseudorandom number generator technique.

32. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein at least one of a delay code length, a delay code period, and a sum of the time delays specified by the code elements of a delay code of a plurality of delay codes is a constant value.

33. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein a sum of time delays specified by code elements of any delay code of a plurality of delay codes is not equal to a sum of delays specified by code elements of any other delay code of the plurality of delay codes.

34. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein a sum of the time delays specified by code elements of a delay code of a plurality of delay codes is greater than a code period of a time-varying code.

35. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 or 29, wherein the at least one code element of the at least one delay code comprises at least one of:

- a time delay value;
- a symbol that maps to a time delay value; and.
- a symbol that maps to a memory location.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Previously amended) An impulse transmission system for communicating pulses having at least one predefined pulse characteristics, comprising:

- an Ultra Wideband Transmitter; and
- an Ultra Wideband Receiver;

wherein said Ultra Wideband Transmitter inserts at least one time delay specified by at least one code element of at least one delay code between two pulse trains of a plurality of pulse trains, wherein a predefined pulse characteristic comprises at least one of:

a time position,
a pulse amplitude;
a pulse width;
a pulse polarity; and
a pulse type, wherein the time position is specified in accordance with a code element of a time-hopping code.

39. (Original) The impulse transmission system of claim 38, wherein a delay code comprises one or more code elements that specify time delays to be inserted between any one of:

two time-hopping code periods;
two delay code periods, and
two nested delay code periods.

40. (Previously amended) The impulse transmission system of claim 38, wherein:
said Ultra Wideband Receiver measures received signal quality for a plurality of pulse trains based on the time delays and
selects a received signal quality measurement that satisfies a received signal quality criterion; and

said Ultra Wideband Transmitter delays a pulse train by an amount of time equal to a sum of time delays that satisfies the received signal quality criterion.

41. (Previously amended) The impulse transmission system of claim 40, wherein a received signal quality measurement comprises a function of at least one of a:

signal strength,
bit-error-rate,
signal-to-noise ratio; and
spectral property of the received signal.

42. (Original) The impulse transmission system of claim 40, wherein at least one time delay is inserted when a selected received signal quality measurement falls below a threshold.

43. (Original) The impulse transmission system of claim 40, wherein at least one time delay is periodically inserted between two adjacent pulse trains to satisfy the received signal quality criterion.

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently amended) The multiple access system of claim 4759, wherein a delay code comprises one or more code elements that specify time delays inserted between:

- two time-varying code periods;
- two delay code periods, and
- two nested delay code periods.

49. (Currently amended) The multiple access system of claim ~~44 or 4759~~, wherein:

 said Receiver measures a received signal quality for a plurality of time-varied signals based on the time delays and

 selects a received signal quality measurement that satisfies a received signal quality criterion; and

 said Transmitter delays a time-varied signal by an amount of time equal to a sum of time delays that satisfies the received signal quality criterion.

50. (Previously amended) The multiple access system of claim 49, wherein the received signal quality measurement comprises a function of at least one of a:

- signal strength,
- bit-error-rate,
- signal-to-noise ratio; and
- spectral property of the received signal.

51. (Original) The multiple access system of claim 49, wherein at least one time delay is inserted when a selected received signal quality measurement falls below a threshold.

52. (Original) The multiple access system of claim 49, wherein at least one time delay is periodically inserted between two adjacent pulse trains to satisfy the received signal quality criterion.

53. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein a predefined pulse characteristic comprises at least one of:

- a time position;
- a pulse amplitude;
- a pulse width;
- a pulse polarity; and
- a pulse type.

54. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein the time position is specified in accordance with a code element of a time-hopping code.

55. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein time-varied signals comprises at least one of:

- time-hopping signals;
- frequency hopping signals;
- time-division multiple access signals;
- time-division code-division multiple access signals; and
- orthogonal frequency division multiple access signals.

56. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein a characteristic of the plurality of time-varied signals is varied in accordance with a code element of a time-varying code.

57. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein said time-varying code specifies a characteristic of the plurality of time-varied signals within a time-varying code period.

58. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the at least one code element of the at least one delay code comprises at least one of:

a time delay value;
a symbol that maps to a time delay value; and.
a symbol that maps to a memory location.

59. (New) A multiple access system for transmitting and receiving a plurality of time-varied signals, comprising:

a Transmitter; and

a Receiver;

wherein said Transmitter generates a plurality of time-varied signals, and inserts a time delay specified by at least one code element of at least one delay code between two time-varied signals of said plurality of time-varied signals, wherein said at least one delay code is generated using at least one of:

a designed code generation technique, and

a pseudorandom code generation technique.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein time-varied signals comprises at least one of:

time-hopping signals;

frequency hopping signals;

time-division multiple access signals;

time-division code-division multiple access signals; and

orthogonal frequency division multiple access signals.

61. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein a characteristic of said plurality of time-varied signals is varied in accordance with a time-varying code.

62. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein said time-varying code specifies a characteristic of the plurality of time-varied signals within a time-varying code period.

63. (New) A method for transmitting and receiving a pulse train signal, comprising:

generating a plurality of pulse trains, wherein each pulse train comprises at least one pulse; and

inserting a time delay between two pulse trains of said plurality of pulse trains in accordance with at least one delay code generated using at least one of:

- a designed code generation technique, and
- a pseudorandom code generation technique.

64. (New) A method for transmitting and receiving a plurality of time-varied signals, comprising:

generating a plurality of time-varied signals, and
inserting a time delay between two time-varied signals of said plurality of time-varied signals in accordance with at least one delay code generated using at least one of:

- a designed code generation technique, and
- a pseudorandom code generation technique.